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CLEANING PROCEDURE FOR SCBA FACEPIECE

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1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE

This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) outlines the procedure to be used when cleaning the SCBA Facepiece.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 This procedure is performed by the Fire/Rescue Firefighters.

3.0 <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

3.1 Facepiece - The part of a SCBA that fits over the face and includes the head harness, facepiece lens, exhalation valve, and connection for low pressure hose. For sanitary reasons the facepiece should be cleaned after each use.

4.0 PREREQUISITES

None.

5.0 PRECAUTIONS

None.

6.0 PROCEDURE

- 6.1 Remove facepiece and low pressure hose from the breathing apparatus.
- 6.2 Rinse in warm water to remove dirt, soot, etc.
- 6.3 Carefully wash in basin using warm $(120^{0} 140^{0}F)$ solution of mild detergent. A soft or natural brush may be used to scrub heavily soiled areas. Use caution not to scratch the facepiece lens.
- 6.4 Rinse the facepiece in fresh warm water.
- 6.5 Rinse the facepiece thoroughly in fresh warm water.
- 6.6 Hang the facepiece up to dry where it will be sheltered from the dust (SCBA Recharge Room). Warmed forced air may be used to speed drying as long as the air temperature does not exceed 120°F.

7.0 **REFERENCES**

Manual 5/79 #995092 - NIOSH SCBA Hazard Alert

8.0 ATTACHMENTS

None.

9.0 **DOCUMENTATION**

None.